

Summary of Proposed Changes in the 2005 Big Game Proclamation

Deer

General season hunt dates:

- Archery: 8/20 – 9/16/2005
- Muzzleloader: 9/28 – 10/6/2005
- Any Weapon: 10/22 – 10/30/2005
- General season permit caps to be set in March
- Book Cliffs limited entry hunt combined into one unit

Elk

General season hunt dates:

- Archery: 8/25 – 9/16/2005
- Spike Bull: 10/8 – 10/16/2005
- Any Bull: 10/8 – 10/20/2005
- Muzzleloader: 11/2 – 11/10/2005 (Wednesday Opener)

General season permit caps:

- Archery: Unlimited
- Spike Bull: 11,000 (decreased from 19,000)
- Any Bull: 14,300
- Youth Any Bull: 300 (increased from 200)

Limited Entry Elk:

- Create a late season any weapon elk hunting opportunity on most units by moving 30% of the any weapon permits to a November 12-18, 2005 season.
- Provide a premium limited entry hunting opportunity on most units that would allow 5% of the any weapon hunters to hunt all seasons for the premium fee.

Boundary Changes:

- Sanpete Extend Archery
- Wasatch Mountains and South Slope Elk

Other Elk Management Recommendations (not in proclamation):

- Monitor the age of harvested bulls from all limited entry seasons and change the age class objective categories to 3-4, 4-5, and 5-6.
- Increase the bull:cow ratio objective on any bull units from 8 bulls per 100 cows to 15 bulls per cows (or 12 bulls per 100 antlerless).
- Implement a preference point system for antlerless elk permits with 20% of the tags allocated for youth hunters.

Pronghorn

- New hunt added for Fillmore, Black Rock Desert

Rocky Mountain Goats

- Boundary changes for North Slope/South Slope goats units and increased hunting opportunity

Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep

- North Slope, West Daggett hunt added
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Big Game Drawing and Application Procedures

- Hunters will only be allowed to apply for one limited entry hunt or one once-in-a-lifetime hunt but not both. Hunters may apply for a bonus point in the other category.
- If a person surrenders their general buck deer permit before the season starts their preference points will be reinstated.